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Mr. Richard Tyner
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Dear Richard:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a proposed memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence to the National Security Council suggesting an intelligence directive to be issued by the Council. The purpose of this directive is merely (1) to legalize the existence of our Office and (2) to give more status than it otherwise might have to the Economic Intelligence Committee.

One point needs explanation. In view of the existing structure of the intelligence organization in the Government it has seemed best to constitute the Economic Intelligence Committee as a subcommittee of the IAC. The permanent members of the parent committee, and thus of its subcommittees, are the agencies formally charged with conducting intelligence activities in the Government. FCA, although it does not have what is formally termed an intelligence organization, in fact, collects and analyzes a vast amount of economic data relevant to national security. It is our expectation, therefore, that it would be invited to participate on an equal basis with the permanent members in a large portion of the deliberations of the Committee.

In addition to the proposed memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence to the National Security Council, I have drafted the attached documents consisting of (1) the draft of a suggested intelligence directive to be issued by NSC and (2) a draft of a letter to be sent by the NSC to other agencies interested in economic intelligence but not represented on the NSC. The document referred to in the attached material as Tab A, a memorandum for the Intelligence Advisory Committee, has been sent you under separate cover.

If you wish to make suggestions as to possible changes in these documents I wish you would let me know by the middle of the week as our deadline is getting uncomfortably close.

Sincerely yours,

MAE F. WILLIKAN

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